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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH BELGIUM

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1. BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS RECESSED AMICABLY JAN 17
AFTER ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING JOINT STATEMENT:

QUOTE AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND BELGIUM MET IN BRUSSELS FROM JANUARY 15 TO 17 TO REVIEW THE BALANCE OF BENEFITS UNDER THE BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT AND THE CAPACITY BEING OFFERED BY THE BELGIAN AIRLINE.

BOTH SIDES REVIEWED THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE CAPACITY OFFERED ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC BY THE CARRIERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, PROVIDING INFORMATION AND STATING
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THEIR VIEWS REGARDING THESE SUBJECTS.

THESE TALKS WERE CONDUCTED IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.
THE GOVERNMENT TALKS WERE RECESSED PENDING EARLY TALKS
BETWEEN PAN AMERICAN AND SABENA ON THEIR PLANS FOR THE
CAPACITY TO BE OFFERED ON THE BELGIAN-US ROUTE FOR THE
SUMMER AND WINTER SEASONS OF 1975.

THE DELEGATIONS AGREED TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS IN
WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 18, 1975.

BRUSSELS, JANUARY 17, 1975

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DELEGATION DELEGATION

W. VANDERPERREN RAYMOND J. WALDMANN
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF STATE END QUOTE

2. 2. PROCEDURE AGREED UPON FOR CARRIER TALKS IS FOR PANAM
TO CONTACT SABENA WITH NAME OF PANAM CONTACT AND FOR SABENA
TO SUGGEST TIME AND PLACE. PANAM REP HAMBLETON HAS BEEN
INFORMED IN BRUSSELS OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND US GOVT
DESIRE TO HAVE PANAM-SABENA DISCUSSIONS SOON.

3. DURING THE JAN 17 SESSION US DEL RAISED THE FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL POINTS WITH BELGIANS. FIRST, A MATTER BROUGHT
TO THE ATTENTION OF EMBASSY BRUSSELS BY LOCAL SEABOARD REP
ON SPECIAL BELGIAN GOVERNMENT-ORDERED AIR CARGO RATES FOR
CERTAIN COMMODITIES. BELGIAN DELEGATES OF SABENA AND
AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION CONFIRMED THAT SUCH RATES EXIST.
PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IS THAT SABENA MAKES A REQUEST TO BELGIAN
AVIATION AUTHORITIES ON PROPOSED SPECIAL RATES OR CHANGES IN
RATES, AND BELGIAN GOVT THEN ORDERS SABENA TO PUT THOSE
RATES INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. ACCORDING TO BELGIANS,
THE RATES ARE SUBSEQUENTLY FILED BY SABENA WITH IATA
AND PUBLISHED BY IATA.

4. SECOND, A PROBLEM IS ANTICIPATED BY PANAM BEGINNING
MAY 22, WHEN IT SWITCHES FROM BOEING 747 TO 707 SERVICE
ON ITS FLIGHTS TO BRUSSELS. BELGIAN NOISE CURFEW REGULATIONS
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APPLY AFTER 2300 H. EACH NIGHT AND PANAM FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED
TO LAND AT 2345 H. ON EQUIPMENT THAT DOES NOT MEET BELGIAN
NOISE STANDARDS. USDEL REQUESTED ON BEHALF OF PANAM THAT
SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THIS PROBLEM.FIRESTONE

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